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Gilbert & Sullivan: A Night to be Remembered

by James Hughes, BCL III

It was a performance to be remembered or, more accurately, a show not to be forgot. On Thursday, March 7th, the Faculty was presented with the (first annual?) Gilbert & Sullivan Moot Court extravaganza, a fundraiser for the new law library.

Called «Trial by Jury» and featuring both faculty and students, the musical was a glorious and guffawing display of previously hidden talent and publicly exposed passion.

Enter the Usher, the magnificent Michael («really, I have no voice training») Kleinman to instruct the colourful and extroverted jury to be «from bias free of every kind». Fortunately, the jury did not take Kleinman's advice.

They were boisterously biased in this affair involving a purported breach of a promise of marriage alleged by the plaintiff (Jane Lalonde) against the defendant (Gordo Levine).

Enter Gordo to state his case. With flame red hair and beard slicked back to aug-

ment his already mink-like rogue disposition, the defendant's honest plea that he no longer loves the plaintiff is drowned out by the malcontent of the 15 members of the public and jury.

Who is to bring order and discipline to this unruly Court? Hidden behind a Moot Court upper window, enter the silvermaned Judge, played by the compelling Stephen Scott. With excitement accelerating his song slightly ahead of his music, Professor Scott explained earlier that performing in the Musical was far more

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War Debate Continues

by Kevin MacNeill, LLB I

My article in the Quid of February 18, «Gulf War is Unjust», received two replies to which I intend to respond in this article. I am glad I evoked a response because that is what my letter was designed to do: to get discussion going in this forum. After all, in a conflict that claimed upwards of 200 000 lives (and who knows what the total will be if and when the region finally «stabilizes») it would seem only fair to ask people who consider themselves civilized to reflect upon what leads to such barbarism.

First, a quick note on Francis Harvey's «An Unjust Accusation». Those who

want to go back and check my article will see that no where in it did I accuse Mr. Harvey, as he claims, of being a «fascist» - neither expressly nor by inference. In addition, regardless of whether he asserts that an «Arab mentality» is biological or cultural, I see no more inherent bellicosity or brutish pride among Arabs than Westerners. It seems to me that the West has produced more world wars, dropped more atomic bombs and gassed to death more people than any Arab nation. Apart from the Nazi terror of the Holocaust, the British army, in the 1920's, gassed 9 000 Kurds to death to show them who was boss - much like Hussein gassing 6 000 Kurds in the 1980's (*Globe & Mail*, Feb. 20, 1991).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/ANNONCES

RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS: Professors Brierly and Macdonald would like to engage two (2) research assistants this summer for a four month period (approximately May 1 - Sept. 1) in order to assist in the editing of a monograph provisionally entitled "Quebec Civil Law". The duties of the research assistant will be to act as editorial assistants, to help locate bibliographic materials relating to various chapters of the Civil Code of Lower Canada, and to assist the authors in the integration of several submissions by other authors on a variety of topics covered by the Code. We are looking for upper-year students who have a good knowledge of the Civil Law and an interest in the history and development of Quebec private law.

The successful candidates must be able to read French materials and to write English well. They should also be able to use Word-Perfect 5.0 or 5.1 on an IBM-compatible personal computer. The salary offered will be competitive with Faculty norms for research assistants. Students interested in this position may apply by leaving a curriculum vitae and covering note with Professor Brierly before March 15, 1991. We expect to have made a decision before the beginning of April.

CRIMINAL LAW I TUTORIAL PROGRAMME - A tutorial programme will be offered in all sections of Criminal Law I in the next academic year (1991-1992). Nous sommes à la recherche d'étudiant(e)s désireux(ses) d'agir en tant qu'auxiliaires. Les étudiant(e)s de troisièmes et quatrième année ayant un intérêt marqué pour le sujet devraient déposer des demandes auprès du S.A.O. d'ici le 1er avril 1991. Tutors will enroll in a course (496-048B Group Assistants) and two academic credits will be awarded for satisfactory performance. We are making this announcement now to assist students who are planning their next academic year.

FOUNDATIONS TUTORIAL LEADERS - FALL 1991 - Applications from 3rd and 4th year students interested in leading Foundations tutorial groups this Fall are now being received. Duties include: (1) leading regularly scheduled tutorial sessions; (2) assisting students during the preparation of their essays; and (3) assisting the course instructors with the grading of the essays. Applicants must be available for weekly meetings with the course instructor to discuss the tutorial materials and their relationship to material covered in the lectures. These meetings will probably be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursdays. Tutorial leaders will meet weekly with their groups at a mutually convenient time. Tutorial leaders will receive 2 credits. Interested students should submit a curriculum vitae, along with a brief letter explaining why they would like to be tutorial leaders, to SAO. Inquiries should be directed to Prof. Harvison Young at 398-6636. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, APRIL 2.**

RECYCLING - Vous avez vu les boîtes de recyclage qui se trouvent maintenant dans la faculté? You can fill them with white and coloured paper, stationary, computer paper, photocopies and newsprint. Veuillez noter que plus vous y mettez du papier blanc de bonne qualité, plus le recyclage sera rentable.

AD HOC WORKING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL EQUITY - An Ad Hoc Working Committee on Educational Equity has begun to study issues relating to equality and legal education. The committee would like to hear the ideas and concerns of students and student groups in the law school. Those interested are encouraged to address submissions in writing to Professor Bill Foster or Professor Colleen Sheppard. For further information about the Committee's work, a general information meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 1991 at 5:00 pm in room 202. All welcome!

FORUM NATIONAL - Elections for the 1991-92 Executive will take place on Wednesday, March 20th at noon in room 101. The list of eligible voters appears on both the LSA and FN noticeboards. This annual general meeting is open to all. Apart from the elections, a review of the year's events and suggestions and plans from next year's program will be discussed.

LEGAL AID CLINIC - La Clinique d'information juridique de McGill annonce avec plaisir les nominations suivantes aux postes de directeurs pour l'année 1991-92: Jonathan Quaglia (Directeur exécutif); Gordon Campbell (Directeur associé); Ignacio Donoso (Directeur associé); Daniel Palayew (Directeur associé); Lucie Poirier (Directrice associée). Bonne chance!

ELAM ELECTIONS - The Environmental Law Association elections for next year's president, treasurer and secretary will take place at the next meeting: Mercredi le 20 mars à 13h00 (salle à déterminer). Tous les intéressés sont bienvenus!

EXAMINATION NUMBERS - Please pick up your Term II exam numbers ASAP and avoid the last minute frenzy!

VIVRE CHEZ LES AUTRES - Un regard critique sur la situation précaire du personnel domestique étranger au Canada: le mercredi 20 mars à 12h00 dans le Moot Court. Les conférenciers seront Catherine Benoist, permanente, Association pour la défense des droits du personnel domestique (APD), Myriam Bals, membre du conseil d'administration de l'APD, qui est venue au Canada comme domestique et fait maintenant des études de deuxième cycle à l'UQAM, et Shireen Razack, professeur à l'Institut Simone de Beauvoir, Université Concordia, qui a étudié la contestation judiciaire dans une perspective féministe.

GRADUATING STUDENTS - Please check the lists posted in the SAO and inform the personnel of any corrections.

TERM I ESSAYS & COURSE PAPERS - SAO still has a number of unclaimed papers and knows who would just love to have these priceless gems - so do rush in and lay claim now before it's too late. These papers include the Trial Book done for Civil Litigation Workshop.

McGILL QUÉBEC - McGill Québec présente du 18 au 22 mars la **Semaine francophone** à McGill. Les événements prévus sont les suivants: lundi le 18 mars, dans la salle 202 de la Faculté de Droit à midi, M. Gilles Duceppe, député du Bloc québécois pour le comté de Laurier/Ste-Marie donnera une conférence sur «Le rôle du Bloc québécois dans le débat constitutionnel»; mardi le 19 mars, dans la salle S-14 du Stewart Biology Building à 19h00, aura lieu la présentation du film «Le déclin de l'empire américain» (avec sous-titres anglais), précédée d'une brève présentation traitant de l'impact de ce film dans l'histoire du cinéma québécois; mercredi le 20 aura lieu, en face du Union building de midi à 3h00, une partie de sucre sur le campus, dont une dégustation de tire d'érable; enfin, jeudi le 21 mars à 19h00 au deuxième étage du Thomson House se tiendra une soirée québécoise avec un chansonnier invité. Un vin et fromage précèdera cette dernière activité. Bienvenue à tous!!!

TRIAL BY JURY - On behalf of the Law Area Library Advisory Committee, I would like to express our deepest thanks to the students who organized, and to all who participated in, the wonderful production of Trial by Jury. The show was delightful, the enthusiasm was infectious, and the proceeds will be much appreciated by all of us who use our underfunded library. Well done! Prof. Toope, Chair, Law Area Library Advisory Committee.

HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE - Mr. A. Alan Borovoy, General Counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, will give a talk on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the F.C. Smith Auditorium, Loyola Chapel, Loyola Campus, Concordia University (7141 Sherbrooke St. West) on the topic of «Current and Recurring Threats to Civil Liberties». The cost is \$2,00 for students and \$3,00 for the general public.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - The Centre Jeunesse is a drop-in centre for boys and girls 10-17 years old. Located on 5550 Park Avenue, it is a non-profit organization affiliated with the YMCA. Currently, the Centre is pursuing a major fund raising campaign to open a work-study hall. Students from McGill Law are asked to generously contribute french and/or english books geared to this age group. There will be a collection depot located in the LSA office.

WOMEN & THE LAW - Women & the Law present the third of the Women & Spirituality film series: «Behind the Veil: Nuns - Part I», Thursday March 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge next to Sadie's.

McGILL LAW JOURNAL - The results of the elections are in! The Editorial Board next year will

be composed of the following positions and persons: Rédacteur-en-chef/Editor-in-chief: David Chemla; Rédactrice-en-chef adjointe/Associate Editor: Michelle Cumyn; Secrétaire général/Executive Editor: Jean-Paul Poitras; Directeur administratif/Managing Editor: Hanson Hosein; Chronique de jurisprudence/Case comments: Mahmud Jamal; Chronique bibliographique/Book Reviews: Renée Thériault; Rédactrice des références/Citations Editor: Lisa Yarmoshuk; Sollicitation/Solicitation: Adelle Blackett.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - The McGill Legal Information Clinic is looking for a researcher for a month term, starting May 6th. If interested, contact Lucie Poirier (344-4764) or Don Palayew (937-2200). Application must be filed by March 28th.

MCGILL LEGAL INFORMATION CLINIC - Summer volunteers are needed! The Clinic would like to have some law students helping out for a few hours a week during the summer to provide legal information to clients. 1st-year students are welcome to apply and will be provided training. If interested, contact Lucie Poirier (344-4764).

ATTENTION AUX SPORTIFS! - Mercredi le 20 mars prochain se tiendra la session de photos officielles pour les équipes ayant fait preuve de dynamisme et de persévérance au cours de la saison 1990-91. Look out for signs indicating the time and location of such events. All players should bring their team sweatshirts. Be there! The yearbook committee.

Law School Admission Process

by James Hughes, BCL III

On February 21st of this year, Faculty Council approved an LSA proposal to increase student input into the undergraduate admissions process. Although the proposal must still be approved by a closed session of Faculty as well as the Senate, the two student members of the Admissions Committee will next year share with faculty members the responsibility of reviewing application dossiers and interviewing candidates for positions in the faculty. This is the first time in the Law Faculty's history that students will help in deciding upon the actual make-up of the Faculty.

In order to guarantee the confidentiality of application information, the LSA recommended and the Faculty Council accepted the idea that only graduating students should sit in review of an applicant's credentials. This provision will ensure that a student who has been accepted into McGill Law School will not run into another student who has, as a member of the Admissions Committee, been privy to personal information about the former.

Any student who graduates in May 1992 is eligible to be appointed by the Dean as a student member of

the Committee. The LSA helps the Dean in this selection process so look out for notices at the LSA office and in the *Quid*. You can also contact Suzanne Costom or Jim Hughes (this year's student reps) about the actual operations of the Committee.

Green Space

What needs to be done to make the faculty «greener»?

Here are the suggestions that came out of the «Greening of the Faculty Committee» which met last week.

Reduce

1. encourage faculty and students to use their own mugs, plates and utensils to cut down on cafeteria waste;
2. faculty to bring own mugs to faculty meetings;
3. lighting: use lower wattage bulbs, full spectrum lighting;
4. one central bulletin board to replace inter-faculty memos;
5. reduce packaging in cafeteria;
6. return to use of smaller exam booklets;
7. allow/encourage students to single-space typed papers;
8. ensure that the next photocopiers that are purchased or leased have the capability to photocopy on both sides of the page (could present ones be adapted?).

Reuse

1. re-use envelopes (in particular encourage use of interfaculty envelopes);
2. use unmarked paper in exam booklets;
3. make scratch pads out of unused paper (computer, exam booklets, etc...);
4. can we re-use cardboard boxes? (e.g. for moving?);
5. purchase single sheet feeders for printers to allow re-use of paper;
6. purchase dishwasher and glasses (for coffee house and other functions).

Recycle or special disposal

Note: fine paper and newspaper recycling is now in place in the faculty! Watch for posters of what can be put in the blue boxes.

1. recycle cardboard, glass;
2. dispose properly of batteries, photocopier toner, cleaners;
3. replace unrecyclable paper products with recyclable ones where use of products cannot be reduced (e.g. legal-size yellow pads, post-its, bloc-notes);
4. encourage use of recycled products (xerox paper, computer paper) by LSA, Dean's office, etc... (perhaps products could be sold at Sadie's).

The committee has begun to work on some of these suggestions, but your ideas, comments, energy or time are welcome and really necessary to make the faculty services and operations less wasteful and more environmentally-friendly. This is a chance to do something concrete in our own community about problems that often seem too complex and immense to do anything about at a local level. If you want to get involved or have suggestions, please let us know! Leave a message in the ELAM box in the LSA, or do what you can today - bring your own mug!

Coin des Sports Corner

by Lori Knowles, LLB III

Here it is, the last of my Sports Corners for all time! All told, this year has been fantastic for athletic participation. There have been some great successes and some teams who realized that winning isn't everything. Sports continue despite the winding-down of the year. Some delayed highlights:

The only team to bring home a mug this year was *Jane's Memory* - our men's basketball team. Hats off gents! Not satisfied with one success, they're back in the intramural poll again this term and are once again on the path to victory.

The *Law Leafs* Ball Hockey team narrowly escaped with a 6-5 victory thanks to the hot glove of one Seth Dalfen. Both these teams are approaching playoffs with strong showings. Our co-ed soccer team, the Common Flaws, headed up by Jonathan Burnham, has managed to make the playoffs despite losing all games this far. Not bad!

A few sports notes: the squash ladder was operative for about a week before people promptly lost interest. Next year we'll have another go at it and see if a one term «subscription period» works better.

Next year's Law Games are going to be in Halifax, Nova Scotia and accordingly the Sports co-ordinator elect will have much preparation to do. Anyone who has valuable connections which might lead to corporate sponsorship is encouraged to pursue them ruthlessly. If costs are low we can get another delegation of 100+ McGill students out East!

Goodbye to those graduating students with whom I have had the pleasure of «sporting» the last 3 years and I look forward to seeing the remaining law athletes on the field next year. Before I sign off for good and leave you to another sports editor, I'd like to thank everyone who helped me with my various athletic duties during the year, especially Bram, Véronique and Rob. M.

Thanks everyone - it was a lot of fun!

Love,
Kanolies

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War Debate...

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Joshua Fireman's article attempted to portray my argument as silly and, in places, factually incorrect. I know that the Middle-East is a region riddled with very complex problems. Certainly no one could hope to solve them all in a couple of pages in the *Quid*. But we can get thinking about the issues. Let's take a look at some of the more salient points of Mr. Fireman's article before I hand the pen back to him.

Mr. Fireman argues that, due to the cost in money and American lives of the Gulf war, we can rest assured that the U.S. will no longer hop around the world getting involved in imperialist military escapades. I find this claim highly dubious. First, a great deal of funding has come from coalition «partners» of the region (who incidentally will be giving the U.S. very lucrative reconstruction contracts - to be paid for by Iraq). Second, it is hard to see how this war could have such a permanent effect on the military policy of the States. On the contrary, all indicators point to the Gulf war as but another step in the U.S. military regaining the confidence it lost in Vietnam; the Gulf war is but a notch up from Grenada and Panama. So, for the reason that this war was a boost for Western imperialism, it should have been opposed.

Mr. Fireman doubts my estimate of the Israeli state ranking as the world's fourth largest military power. My source is the International Institute of Strategic Studies. Mr. Fireman will kindly note that my reference to Israel's nuclear capacity was in brackets - denoting only nuclear capability, and not a nuclear ranking. The argument I was making was that the State of Israel has weapons far more devastating than anyone in the region. Because of this, coupled with examples like the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, the bombing of Beirut and the systematic massacres at Sabra and Shatila, we may conclude that «Israel... itself poses a military threat to the region». Somehow,

according to Mr. Fireman, it seems we should quantify and categorize invasions, bombings and so on into neat compartments so that we can then objectively determine which ones are gentle, pardonable atrocities and which ones deserve military replies.

Mr. Fireman justifies the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza because it is in the defensive interest of the State of Israel which is «in a constant state of war with its Arab neighbours». On this level of *realpolitik*, why don't we justify the annexation of Kuwait? After all, it was essentially a manoeuvre to help Hussein out of his tremendous economic problems which threatened the safety of his regime. Is it because Hussein's regime is a dictatorship and Israel is a democracy? If democracy were truly threatened, that might be a good argument. Yet, I fail to grasp how Mr. Fireman can imply that the Israeli state offers Palestinians any semblance of democracy. Democracy for some, but not all, is not democracy. It just does not wash to say «we are protecting our democracy by enslaving another people». Even less does it provide a compelling argument for the Gulf war. If you want to eliminate the backbone of Arab dictatorships, and «threats» to Israel, go to Washington and Moscow. Bombing the life out of Iraq will not be half as effective.

I do agree with Mr. Fireman that Hussein probably does not care one iota about the Palestinians. But then again, that's about the same attitude the State of Israel has toward them too. Or at least toward the 700+ dead and 70 000 wounded (half this number by gunfire) Palestinians that I've read about (*L'État du Monde*, 1991). I think these figures and the fact that the modern State of Israel (all biblical land claims aside) was a Western creation at the expense of Palestine (to which not one Arab state and only three African and Asian states agreed), may help ease Mr. Fireman's astonishment that Palestinians are not amused with the current state of affairs in the occupied territories. In any

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case, I don't think Hussein's feelings or actions toward the Palestinians detract in any way from my anti-war polemic.

Finally, I find it a bit rich that Mr. Fireman justifies the war to save Iraqis from Hussein. That type of reasoning makes about as much sense as burning your neighbour's house down so it doesn't catch on fire. The mass slaughter of this war has surpassed the gassing of the Kurds nearly forty times over - and that information is merely from censored reports.

I argued in my previous article that with the brains we possess, we could certainly do better than resorting to a military disaster. With the continued existence of unresolved tensions and contradictions

APPEASEMENT: AN HISTORICAL LESSON?

by Bryan Haynes, LLB I

In response to my brethren's respectable opinion entitled "Gulf War is Unjust", I submit that although he condemned "some of the remarkably confused ideas about the war that are going about the faculty", nobody is completely immune from confusion. Indeed, some factual observations made by my learned friend may have been too quickly overlooked.

He wrote, "Any comparison of Iraq to the appeasement of Germany prior to WWII is objectively flawed - fascist Germany was definitely capable of taking and holding a whole continent. Iraq is not." Firstly, the use of the word 'objectively' is inherently misguided and inappropriate in the context of historical review and political interpretation. Secondly, I agree that comparisons, especially of historical nature, are often replete with difficulties rendering their validity in current debate questionable, but not all. Finally, what **will be the focus of this critique is my submission that what is not 'true' is the claim that Germany was definitely ca-**

in the area, which are now that much surer to last due to a greater Western presence in the Gulf, it is only a matter of time before the next Hussein pops his head up and the whole vicious cycle starts again. Then what do we do? Have another war and so on? If something were guaranteed to change in Northern Ireland, Palestine and other currently occupied lands by dint of this war, perhaps the West would not have seemed so hypocritical in attacking Iraq. The war did not and will not provide any positive steps in those directions, however. As well, there is not a shred of evidence that the war moved anyone closer to democracy or peace. Plainly, there is nothing political or moral that can justify the war in the Gulf. In fact, I think the politics surrounding the Gulf war point a doubting finger at exactly what the real motives were behind it.

pable of taking and holding a whole continent prior to WWII.

Perhaps a "better historical lesson" is the following. Hitler's conduct in external affairs prior to WWII was in part characterised by the vagueness of timing which was left to opportunity and circumstance. And opportunity there was when combined with the overriding British concern to prevent war at any price. In March 1935, Hitler introduced compulsory military service and acknowledged the existence of the German air forces in breach of the Treaty of Versailles. In 1936, he ordered a few battalions to march into the Rhineland without resistance. The passive response fortified Hitler's own self-assurance and belief in the use of force and further exposed the feebleness of will on the part of France. Later, Hitler invaded Austria on March 12, 1938 annexing it to the German Reich. Again nobody did anything to stop him. In March 1939, Germany annexed Memel, and in September Danzig. However, the most damaging consequences of the policy of appeasement occurred at **Munich.**

During most of 1938, the immediate

obstacle to the British policy of appeasement was the Sudeten problem; the only escape to war in the eyes of the British was a German-Czech settlement. The logic of British policy was to inflict the consequences of war and defeat on Czechoslovakia in the hope of saving everyone else. To this end, the U.K. worked hard to rescind French guarantees and commitments in Eastern Europe. In the end, the U.K. was 'successful' and in addition pressured Czechoslovakia to surrender all its territories where half or more of the inhabitants were German. But far from remaining an obstacle to peace, the surrender of Czechoslovakia brought was nearer as Hitler soon thereafter demanded all of Czechoslovakia.

The Munich Agreement was greeted with relief by everybody except the Czechs and Slovaks. In effect, appeasement was a policy of buying off a foe but with the price of sacrificing Czechoslovakia and turning a blind eye to German ambitions. It betrayed an inability to understand Hitler completed his conquest of Czechoslovakia in defiance of the Munich agreement.

The policy of appeasement and the experience of Munich brought upon the U.K. and the Allies a battle which it would not otherwise have had to fight. In 1938, Czechoslovakia was one of the very few countries in Europe which was battle-ready. In fact, Czechoslovakia was not only ready but strong - as strong as Germany in many critical areas except manpower. Czechoslovakia was the sixth largest industrial power in Europe and possessed one of Europe's most extensive and efficient armaments industries. The Czech army was even better equipped than that of Germany in artillery and armoured vehicles. The Czech army had 35 divisions in 1938 for division while also positioning a few divisions at its western border for protection from France's 65 divisions. Czechoslovakia was ready and strong, but all it asked was a guarantee and commitment which

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unnerving than pleading at the Supreme Court.

After the arrival of the beautiful and intriguing Angelina (the plaintiff) in the person of Library Fundraising Officer Jane Lalonde, whose voice deserved a better acoustical environment than Moot Court, Gordo's argument is further undermined as the Judge becomes enraptured, indeed infatuated by the plaintiff.

And so has the all-male jury. New York-born Professor Ron Sklar, the foreman of the jury, maximizes his solo opportunity by infusing his clamour with Brooklyn-tongue.

The now desperate Gordo proposes, literally, a solution: He will marry both the plaintiff and his new love.

Who is this new love? Striding seductively down stage-left, Jane Glenn is poised to steal the show without uttering a single syllable. Although receiving a rebuke from the plaintiff's very attractive bridesmaids (including Vincent Lesage who should seriously consider making permanent his tenoric capabilities), Prof. Glenn's bodacious, head-turning body-language prompted another Prof. Glenn, watching sagely from the audience, to ask a confrère «how long did you say this production lasts?».

Baritone Cam Young, the pomp and persuasive counsel for the plaintiff, offers a melodic staccato on why marrying two woman is a «rather serious crime».

As the confusion and uncertainty climbs to its apex, the impulsive Judge Scott climbs down from the Bench to resolve the impasse: He will marry Angelina!

All is then Arsenio Hall-like enthusiasm, for love has triumphed. Special mention must go to musical director Seth Dalfen, staging director Shira Lester and, perhaps most important of all, the seed of this giant oak of a production, Judy Knight. Congratulations!!!

STONEBANKS & STONE SURVEY

by Erica Stone and Corina Stonebanks, BCL I

Question: What went through your mind as you walked through the pit after Christmas to see your marks? What about immediately afterwards?

BEFORE:

Career alternatives

"Don't expect A's, don't expect A's..."

I'll be happy if I pass everything.

I don't want to know.

I'll be really happy if I pass everything.

Marks are an accurate reflection of my diligence and legal knowledge.

I should have taken Constitutional in English.

Dear God, if I pass Foundations, I'll never lie again.

I should have never relied so much on that Constitutional Summary...

Well, I tried!

I'm going to have a great legal career.

I was too hungover and sick to consider this...

Why am I here?

Why did I choose McGill?

Yea, though I walked through the valley of the shadow of death...

Who gives a shit? There's a war going on!

Is it too late to apply for Art History?

Law is great!

"As long as I stay above C level..."

No expectations.

Oh, God, I don't even want to see Constitutional...

This is it: this is where I find out that McGill Admissions has finally discovered that it admitted me by mistake...

AFTER:

Maybe I would be better organized if I used spiral binders instead of loose leaf...?

"I didn't get an A... I didn't get an A..."

What, a "B"? Yuck! (Accompanied by a minor heart attack after seeing an even LOWER property mark).

Now that I know, what difference does it make?

Either I'm really lucky or I'm really intelligent, 'cause I passed!

Marks are biased, inaccurate reflections of a professor's appreciation of your writing style, legibility and pen colour. They are also a function of how much coffee she or he had that day.

Thank God I took Constitutional in French!

Foundations? Of course I passed Foundations.

THANK GOD for the Constitutional Summary!!

Nice try!

Is it too late to get an M.B.A.?

...due to my radical condition, I had to send a 3rd party to collect the grades.

Why am I here?

Osgoode is looking good!

MEDIC! CHAPLAIN! We need last rites here!

Who gives a shit? There's a war going on!

I wonder if there are any positions left available as an IGA cashier...

Law is an Ass!

"Well, I've always said I wanted to do legal aid, anyways!"

Boy, am I stupid!

"B"? Not so bad, right?

Let it B?

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Oui au

libre-échange nord-américain

par Alain Olivier, BCL I

Au début du mois de février, le Canada a annoncé sa participation à des discussions avec les États-Unis et le Mexique en vue d'établir une zone de libre-échange nord-américaine d'ici un ou deux ans. Une telle entente créerait le plus important bloc économique au monde, avec 360 millions de consommateurs et une production annuelle brute d'environ \$6 milliards US. Le Canada a exporté \$89,3 milliards US de produits aux États-Unis et en a importé \$78,9 milliards US et les importations atteignaient \$1,43 milliards. Plusieurs sceptiques se demandent donc quel intérêt le Canada peut avoir à négocier un nouveau traité de libre-échange quand le Mexique compte pour si peu dans l'ensemble de son commerce international...

Par ailleurs, les syndicats canadiens ainsi que les porte-paroles d'industries menacées nous mettent déjà en garde contre les dangers d'un accord de libre-échange États-Unis-Canada-Mexique. Vu que le salaire minimum au Canada est de \$5,25 de l'heure tandis que le salaire minimum au Mexique n'est que de \$4,00 par jour, les produits canadiens ne pourraient pas concurrencer, d'après eux, les produits mexicains, beaucoup moins chers. De plus, les compagnies étrangères préféreraient investir au Mexique, où la main-d'œuvre est abondante et bon marché, plutôt que de s'établir au Canada.

Toutefois, ces craintes ne doivent pas empêcher le Canada de participer à cette nouvelle ronde de négociations commerciales. D'abord, 85% des exportations mexicaines au Canada sont actuellement d'au plus 10%. Ainsi, les barrières tarifaires sont déjà quasiment absentes du commerce entre les deux pays. En deuxième lieu, notre gouvernement doit activement prendre part à cette ronde de

discussions afin de s'assurer que les avantages gagnés par le Canada lors du traité conclu avec les États-Unis en 1989 puissent être conservés dans le cadre d'une entente États-Unis-Canada-Mexique.

De plus, avec ou sans traité de libre-échange à trois, le Canada doit faire face à la concurrence du Mexique, qui échange maintenant près de \$60 milliards US de produits avec les États-Unis annuellement. Si nous refusons d'adapter notre économie aujourd'hui aux exigences du commerce international, notre secteur manufacturier prendra de plus en plus de retard sur ses concurrents étrangers et exigera par le fait même de plus en plus de protection gouvernementale...

Enfin, l'établissement d'une zone de libre-échange nord-américaine promet de créer des milliers de nouveaux emplois au Mexique et surtout d'y améliorer à long terme le niveau de productivité, au fur et à mesure que l'effet des transferts de technologie se diffuse au niveau de l'économie locale. Je pense d'ailleurs qu'un commerce international libre et ouvert permettra au Mexique de trouver enfin le chemin du développement économique durable pour les années 1990.

Par conséquent, malgré les réticences exprimées par certains, le Canada devrait s'engager pleinement dans la prochaine ronde de négociations commerciales à cause des retombées positives indéniables qu'en tireront toutes les parties impliquées pour les années à venir.

Policy of Appeasement Con't from p. 5 never came.

Hitler's conquest of Czechoslovakia was based on a political calculation, not a military one. Hitler's gamble was successful not because Czechoslovakia and the Allies were militarily incapable, but because the latter was strategically inept. In 1940, the French forces were destroyed in a few weeks by armoured divisions which in 1938 the Germans hardly possessed. In 1938, Germany had six armoured divisions, in September 1939, it had ten (four of which were in part made up of Czech tanks) and in 1940 Germany had 33 armoured divisions. In addition, Czechoslovakia's armament output, which was the same as the U.K.'s, was added to Germany's after 1939, including much military hardware such as approximately 1500 aircraft.

The policy of appeasement prior to WWII and the surrender at Munich in 1938 did not stave off war, but merely postponed it ensuring the lightning defeat of France and the committal of the Allies to a much greater battle which it nearly lost. Germany was not «definitely capable of taking and holding a whole continent» prior to WWII. If the basis and reasoning given by Mr. MacNeill for dismissing any comparison of Iraq to the appeasement of Germany prior to WWII is based on questionable factual claims, then the value of the comparison and the worthiness (or lack of) of reconsidering a policy of appeasement may be appropriate.

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Trial by Jury

Successful shows raise \$2 000

by Colleen O'Brien, LLB III

For those of us who were fortunate enough to have bought tickets in advance, the Law Faculty's performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's Trial by Jury was well worth the hour-long wait in this term's most crowded Coffee House. Both theatrically and financially, the production was a clear success, playing to two sell-out crowds in the Moot Court and raising approximately \$2 000 for the Law Library in the process.

Vocal talent for the operetta was recruited from both staff and students, under the direction of Shira Lester and with the outstanding musical accompaniment of Seth Dalfen. But there was much more involved here than simply singing. The costumes contributed to the humour, notably the uniform dapperness of the «Gentlemen of the Jury» and the glamour of the Bridesmaids, in particular Vincent Lesage. Although the Moot Court is not an ideal stage, even for a courtroom setting, the lack of movement was not a problem. The expressiveness of Gordon Levine (Defendant) and Jane Lalonde (Plaintiff), backed up by an enthusiastic and colourful chorus functioning as the spectator's gallery, more than compensated for the necessarily static staging.

For the predominantly law student audience at 6:00, highlights included Professor Stephen Scott's «regal» appearance in the role of Judge, as well as the shocking, silent but sexy entrance of Jane Glenn as «the Other Woman». For those of you who suffered through pre-show jitters with Professor Sklar, you will be delighted to know that the lines of the sympathetic «Foreman of the Jury» were performed flawlessly. His enthusiasm was matched by fellow jurymen and colleagues Professors Janda and Vlasic. Finally, notable for both stage presence

and strong voices, were the outstanding performances of Michael Kleinman as the Usher and Cameron Young as the Counsel for the Plaintiff.

The show was a unique and highly entertaining fund-raising idea that is well worth continuing. But next year, be warned: buy your tickets EARLY! Judging from the quality of talent evidenced in this performance, you won't regret it!

Post «Trial by Jury»

by Judy Knight, Nat. IV

I have been thanked most warmly with flowers, with a wonderful card from the cast, and with words of appreciation from the audience, for my «idea» to produce «Trial by Jury». But this classical gem by Gilbert and Sullivan came to life in our Law School not because of my idea, but by reason of the enthusiasm, co-operation, dedication, conscientiousness, efficiency, and good humour of every single participant.

Chorus and leads worked incredibly quickly and diligently to master music and words - all of a sudden, scores were discarded and everyone sung out! We had been guided from the beginning by the infinite patience, tact, encouragement and musical skills of Seth Dalfen. We were staged and directed by the creativity and flexibility of Shira Lester, who managed to tolerate «suggestions» at all times and from all quarters. Julie Godin designed and drew the delightful posters,

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and oversaw the printing of both posters and tickets. Jane Lalonde did more than sing the role of Angelina; as Faculty Development Officer (Fundraising), she devoted hours to programs. Kurt Johnson helped with props. Ann Mitchell sold tickets. Vincent Lesage organized the cast party. Bram picked up all our loose ends - including overselling the 6 p.m. show - with his usual diplomacy.

Thanks to Nathan Schipper for the videotaping, and to Marla Eichenbaum for undertaking to produce copies for sale.

I know I have omitted names, because everyone made a huge contribution - not the least of which was the spirit and support imparted by the enthusiasm of Professors Scott, Sklar, Janda, Vlasic and Jane Glenn.

My greatest thanks is knowing how much enjoyment the cast had. It is always a hard call with Gilbert and Sullivan to know who has more pleasure - the singers or the audience. What a painless way to raise close to \$2 000 for the library!

It is wonderful still to hear bits of music wafting around corridors, to detect whistling and humming in stairwells and corners of our Faculty. And it was most gratifying to be greeted Monday morning in Remedies by Professor Harvison Young's words: «By eons, that was the most exciting 45 minutes I've ever spent in the Moot Court!». She wished that our «Trial by Jury» sets a precedent - and echoes the hope of all the cast!

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